

# BIG BATTLE OF LODZ WON FROM THE KAISER

## Great Conflict Results Successfully For Army of Czar In Poland

LONDON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—On account of the rigid censorship over all military operations in the war zone, reliable news of the battle of Lodz is not obtainable. The usual contradictions exist between the official Russian announcements and the unofficial Petrograd reports.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Central News Agency says that the great battle of Lodz has ended successfully for the Russians. Petrograd sends out the same report unofficially, but confirmation is lacking.

**GERMAN PRISONERS ARRIVING**  
According to the Bourne Gazette, great numbers of German prisoners and cannon captured by the Russians in battle, are arriving at Lodz.

Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief, reports that "fierce fighting took place on the Vistula yesterday, and on the roads leading towards Lodz and Piotrkow. On the other front there were no modifications."

**ADVANCE TOWARDS WARSAW**  
The German advance towards Warsaw seems to have been definitely checked, although Berlin officially announces that the Germans are advancing. One report received here says that two-thirds of the German army in the engagement between the Vistula and Warta rivers was lost.

Petrograd reports say that the Russians continue to advance through the Carpathians into the Hungarian plains, while an official announcement from Vienna says that in the Carpathians, west Galicia, and south Poland the situation is quiet, while fighting continues in northern Poland.

**KAISER AT BATTLEFRONT**  
A Berlin announcement says: "Petrograd reports that the total loss of the Russian officers since the war began amounts to 35,000."

The Kaiser has arrived for a short stay. He has been at the Russian front. In the eastern theater of war, the enemy's attacks near the Masurian lakes have been repelled with a very heavy loss. The offensive operations of the German army in Poland are taking the normal course.

General Busch, one of the Russian commanders, has fallen ill. Despatches from Venice say that the Austrian government has confiscated the entire oil output of Austria and Hungary.

## LILLIAN RUSSELL'S THIRD HUSBAND DIES IN HOME

PHILADELPHIA, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—Lillian Russell, a singer and actor, and Lillian Russell's third husband, is dead at the Actors' Home here. He was fifty-five years old.

## German Steamer Berlin Caught While Operating in Path of Merchant Vessels

LONDON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—The British Admiralty announces the capture of the German steamship Berlin, which has been in the service of the German government.

The Admiralty says that the Berlin had been engaged in laying mines in the track of merchant shipping.

**WARNING TO MARINERS**  
This fact caused the publication of warnings to mariners of the grave danger in the waters in which the Berlin operated before the capture.

When British warships rounded up the German vessel and sent a naval crew aboard to take possession they found every indication that the Berlin had been out upon a desperate mission.

**COAL SUPPLY EXHAUSTED**  
The coal supply was exhausted and the indications showed that the vessel had done some fast steaming. As a result of this incident stringent measures have been taken to stop the laying of submarine mines in the English channel. The Admiralty will advise the withdrawal of lightships and the removal of buoys within certain areas.

# FAMINE STALKS AMONG BELGIANS

Within Month Nearly All Persons in Belgium Must Be Fed By America

LONDON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—Commissioner Hoover, who is in charge of the distribution of the provisions and supplies bought by the American Belgian Relief Committee, reports that the distribution of the goods on hand has been successfully carried out, but adds that the help given at present meets only a small part of the need.

**FAMINE IS DESPERATE**  
The famine throughout Belgium is reported to be desperate and there is great and widespread suffering. Seven out of every ten men and women are without employment or means whereby to secure money with which to help feed themselves and those dependent upon them.

"There has been no bread for the past two weeks in some localities," reports Mr. Hoover, "and the suffering people are living on roots and whatever little else they can scrape up."

**AMERICA ONLY RELIEF**  
Within thirty days nearly all the Belgians still remaining in their own country will depend upon the United States for bread.

"There are no counts in season; all the prisons have been emptied, by the Germans and the gendarmes and police force have been disbanded, despite which the people are all starving."

"The relief committee at the present time is feeding a third of the population of Brussels."

**FLOUR FOR BELGIANS**  
WASHINGTON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—The committee handling the funds for the purchase of food supplies for Belgian refugees placed a deal yesterday for the purchase of \$40,000 worth of flour.

**RELIEF SHIP CAMINO SAILS**  
SAN FRANCISCO, December 4.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—The big steamer Camino, carrying relief for the people of California to the suffering Belgians, will sail for Rotterdam at noon tomorrow.

The Camino carries 400 tons of relief supplies, valued at \$275,000. She will take on 400 more tons at San Francisco.

The relief ship will be distinguished as she goes on her errand of mercy by the white burgee fifty feet long and a white flag twelve feet square. White signs at the stern, stern and on port and starboard sides, stenciled in red, state that the cargo is destined for the commission for Belgian relief at Rotterdam. The voyage is expected to take twenty days.

**DUTCH TROOPS SHOOT BELGIANS**  
LIEKE, Holland, December 4.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—A riot breaking out in the concentration camps here, where thousands of Belgians are held, who fled or were forced from their own country by the Germans, resulted in the killing of six and the wounding of nine Belgians. The Dutch troops shot the Belgians during the riot. Details of the trouble are not obtainable.

**Rear Admiral Watt Cautions Against Sacrificing Battle-ships For Submarine Craft**  
WASHINGTON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—In a conference between representatives of the navy department and the house committee on naval affairs, Rear Admiral R. M. Watt, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, urged the committee members not to sacrifice battle-ships for submarines in preparing their estimates for the ensuing year.

**SUBMARINES HAVE ADVOCATE**  
Some of the committee members had been influenced by reports of the great effectiveness of submarines in the European war and by the opinion of certain naval officers, and wanted to increase the number of submarines, if it had to be done at the expense of battle-ships.

**BUILDING FINEST LITTLE CRAFT**  
Admiral Watt told the committee that the United States navy was now building submarines which would be the finest and best vessels of this class afloat.

The committee also discussed the project of having a world-girdling series of wireless stations under control of the navy department, which would include a station at Honolulu.

**INLIANAPOLIS, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—A big graft scandal was uncovered among state officials here yesterday reaching many higher-ups, when Lieutenant Governor William P. O'Neil, Secretary of State Homer Cook, and other prominent public officers were indicted on a charge of signing warrants on the state treasury for excessive pay rolls.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—The British steamship Maitai, which sailed for this port from Sydney, Australia, on November 7, and about which fears were entertained on account of the presence of the German fleet in the Pacific, arrived last night after an uneventful voyage.**

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# ITALY PREPARES TO STRIKE HARD AND END STRIFE

Government At Rome Takes First Step Towards Entering War By Increasing Revenue

## DOUBTS TURKEY'S ABILITY TO CHECK MOHAMMEDANS

Former Mayor of Eternal City Says Italians Can Decide Great Conflict

ROME, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—The Italian government has presented measures before the Parliament which will increase the revenues ten million dollars a year, and has negotiated the purchase of millions of tons of Argentine wheat.

Five steamers have been chartered to convey the wheat shipments. In view of recent developments this may be a precursor of war.

**SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT**  
In opening the Italian parliament, Premier Salandra made a significant statement in the course of which he declared that "new factors had arisen to alter the Italian government's policy of neutrality."

This and other recent events is taken to indicate the possible entrance of Italy into the conflict on the side of the Allies and against the Turks.

**ITALY FEARS 'HOLY WAR'**  
Despite Turco-German promises, Italy doubts the ability of Turkey to check the religious fanaticism in Libya, and in the event the British should be expelled from Egypt and the French from Tunisia the Turkish war by madmen's hordes.

In a recent address, Signor Nathan, former mayor of Rome, declared that "Italy's interests, colonial and national, are at stake."

**NEW FORCE CAN DECIDE WAR**  
"The former are endangered by the pan-Islamic war, the latter must be completed, but when the settlement comes, neutrals will have no voice, whereas a new force, by intervening, can decide the war."

He asked: "What shall Italy's position be in the face of the present war between two groups surrounded by an international spirit of the France of 1890, young Serbia, warlike Montenegro, glorious Belgium, and England, the land of every liberty?"

**Rapid Transit Extension Bill Can Be Saved Only By Prompt Action**  
Governor Pinkham has forwarded his analysis of the proposed Rapid Transit Charter Extension Bill to the secretary of the interior, thus getting at least a week's start of the statement of facts which is to be prepared in reply to the Governor's extraordinary right-about-face concerning a matter of such vital importance to Honolulu.

In reply to the letter of the public utilities commission, asking for copies of the analysis had been sent to Washington, the Governor replied yesterday:

"A copy of my joint letter to the public utilities commission and yourself was forwarded, enclosed with the communication of the above commission, to the Hon. Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior."

"No communication has been had with any committee."

Inasmuch as congress will meet on Monday for a short session, crowded with private bills, during which the Rapid Transit Bill must pass or all the work upon it be lost, making a wholly new start in a new congress necessary, the action of the Governor in throwing this block in the way is very generally deplored throughout the city, those familiar with the facts of the matter appreciating that Honolulu, and not the Rapid Transit Company, will be permanently injured by the present extension bill being dropped.

**Extensions Held Up**  
The expenditure early in the new year of some \$200,000 on extensions and improvements of the system will not take place, the Pearl Harbor line will not be built, the authorized double-tracking of King street will be dropped, so that it will be built on Kalihi Valley, and there will be no further use of asking the company to consider the much-disputed Port Rucker loop. From a military standpoint as well as from the standpoint of those who desire to see Honolulu grow, it will be unfortunate if all these plans are brought to naught or even seriously delayed.

**Advantages To Public**  
A point in the proposed new charter, brought out very clearly before the congressional committee is that the company cannot increase its earnings for its stockholders by increasing its service or its investment. Until the final retelling of costs is made, the corporation gets nothing out in dividends than it gets now, either in percentage or in dollars. The company gets for its stockholders nothing by extending its service under the proposed charter; the public receive the full benefit of whatever extensions are made, while the public utilities commission can force the company to make necessary extensions so long as the earnings of the whole line provide for the dividend limit on the amount of stock outstanding when the bill is passed.

# MEXICAN BULLETS FLY ACROSS BORDER

Killing of One Civilian and Wounding of American Cavalryman Invite Protest

NAGO, Arizona, December 6.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—A continuation of the battle at the Mexican town of Nago resulted in further casualties here yesterday and brought forth another protest from the governor of the state in Washington. Bullets fired from the Mexican side of the line yesterday killed one Mexican civilian and wounded another American cavalryman on duty in the border patrol.

**FIVE DIE OF WOUNDS**  
The total number of casualties on the American side of the line during the fighting to date is forty-seven. Five of these have died of their wounds. This includes fourteen American soldiers wounded while present along the border in the discharge of their duties.

**GOVERNOR HUNT PROTESTS**  
Governor Hunt cabled another protest to the state department after two more persons had been struck by bullets in this town. He asked that the federal government afford adequate protection to the people in Nago and in other border towns.

The immediate step he asked to protect them from the danger resulting from the Mexican border line.

**DE WET IS HELD AT JOHANNESBURG**  
LONDON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—Further reports from Pretoria regarding the capture of the rebel General De Wet say that he is now under guard at Johannesburg and probably will be court-martialed on a charge of treason.

The belief is growing that the government has exercised its last clemency in behalf of General De Wet, and that in the event of his being tried by court-martial he will be sentenced to hang.

**SUEZ CANAL ZONE FREE FROM ROVING ENEMIES**  
CAIRO, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—British aviators who have been sent out to scout over the region around the Suez canal, on account of reports of large bodies of hostile tribesmen near the canal, have returned with the statement that they are unable to discover any Turkish forces against the wallaway. A Bedouin raid against the British has been severely punished by the British forces, and the tribesmen scattered. Many of the raiders were captured.

**Pearl Harbor Work Will Be Completed By San Francisco Bridge Company**  
WASHINGTON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today that a supplemental contract had been signed with the San Francisco Bridge company to complete the Pearl Harbor drydock. The new contract requires completion by July 1, 1915, at a cost of \$1,251,000. This is \$238,650 less than was allowed by Congress at the last session.

Under the new plan the dock will be considerably larger than originally designed. The new basin will be 1225 feet long and 148 feet wide at the top, and 35 feet over the sill at mean high water. The total price of the dock, including the money already paid down on the old contract, is \$4,442,113, exclusive of casings, pumping station, etc.

Civil Engineer C. W. Parks, U. S. N., at present public works officer at Philadelphia, will supervise the construction work.

**Dire Distress**  
It is Near at Hand to Hundreds of Honolulu Readers.

Don't neglect an aching back. Backache is often the kidneys' cry for help. Neglect hurrying to the kidneys' aid. Motion that urinary troubles may follow.

Or danger of worse kidney trouble. Here's convincing testimony. Mrs. Maria Spille, 9227 Hagan St., Spokane, Wash., says: "My kidney trouble began with a lame, painful and weak back. I couldn't stoop without first standing on my back, then I had to put my hands around the small of my back as a support. I had a bearing down feeling in my hips and my bladder was inflamed. I had gravel and the kidney secretions were in bad shape. One day I saw Doan's Backache Kidney Pills advertised and began using them. They helped me right away and four boxes cured me. I haven't had a sign of kidney trouble since."

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50 cents per box (six boxes for \$2.50), or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., Honolulu, who sole agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

# FAIR COMMISSION HAILS A DEFEAT PROMOTION BOARD

Also Shows Resentment When Governor Pinkham Recommends Woods For Position

## CHIEF CLERKSHIP AT 'EXPO' MAKES TROUBLE

Men in Charge of Hawaii Exhibit Makes It Clear That They Are Boss

It would not have required much at the meeting of the Hawaii fair commission yesterday to have started a quarrel that would have involved Governor Pinkham as well as the Hawaii promotion committee. Throughout the meeting, during which but little was accomplished, it appeared to the spectators that there was an undercurrent of feeling on the part of some of the exposition board that the promotion committee was seeking to control not only the work of the fair commission but the full administration, as far as possible, of the Hawaii exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition next year.

**Governor's Attitude Resented**  
Others seemed to feel that Governor Pinkham was imposing a difficult task on the commission in seeking to name the appointee who is to act as chief clerk to Secretary Wood during the exposition. Governor Pinkham had written a letter recommending Palmer P. Woods for this job, and though it is probable Mr. Woods will receive the position, Commissioner Risenburgh urged that the qualifications of all applicants for the job be considered before final action was taken. The list read yesterday contained the names of J. Walker Doyle, Val Stephenson, E. J. Fort, D. W. Donahue and Palmer E. Woods.

**Secretary Wood's Letter Filed**  
A letter from Secretary Wood was read. It was explained that inasmuch as he was to be in charge of the exhibit at San Francisco it would be best to allow him to name his own secretary and assistant. Members of the commission interpreted the word "assistant" as meaning chief clerk, and used it more explicitly explained in the letter of the secretary will remain on file.

Commissioner John Wise intimated that the desire of Secretary Wood to name his own assistant was but another effort on the part of the Hawaii promotion committee to assume control of Hawaii's exhibit as far as possible, pointing out that if such logging was to be the result there was no need of the Territory having an exposition commission.

Commissioner Risenburgh acted as chairman of the meeting. The other members present were Commissioners Wise, Williams and McKim. The fund was \$439,000.

A statement was received from the contractors for the Hawaii building for construction work. The bill was ordered paid. This leaves a balance of \$829,000 remaining unpaid.

A communication from Governor Pinkham informed the commission that he had received assurance that Leader W. W. Barclay of the Philippine Constabulary band would gladly contribute the services of himself and musicians in the exercises to be held at the exposition in honor of Hawaii Day, which will be July 11 next. The secretary was instructed to at once communicate with Mr. Barclay and accept his offer.

**Arch Appointed Janitor**  
Fred Arch was appointed to act as janitor in the Hawaii building at a salary of not less than \$100 per month. He will be in charge of the position of moving picture operator and successful examination before K. E. Egan, will be an appointment to this position be made. Two applications were received yesterday. One was from E. R. Fernandez, who offered to do the work for \$150 per month. The other was from Ed. Morino, who is willing to assume the responsibilities for \$100 per month.

**Music Problem Unsolved**  
The commissioners apparently are far from decided as yet as to the awarding of the contract for music at the coming big show. Applications have been received from several Hawaiian groups. Some of these have already been heard by the board and the members arranged yesterday to attend a concert to be given by Kail's Glee Club at the Moana hotel next Sunday evening. Thursday, December 10, was fixed as the final date for awarding this important contract.

Hope was expressed for the speedy recovery of Secretary Wood. In the event that he is sufficiently recovered to attend the meeting of the commission next Thursday considerable business of importance now being deferred will be brought up for final action, it was announced yesterday.

**ARMY QUARTERMASTER DEPOTS WELL FILLED**  
WASHINGTON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—Major Gen. J. B. Aleship, the quartermaster general of the army, told the house committee on military affairs yesterday that the United States army "is better equipped with clothing and camp supplies than it has ever been before."

He said "the quartermaster department could furnish sufficient supplies for 350,000 men within one month and enough for 750,000 men within a reasonable time."

# PLANTERS ADJOURN AFTER BUSY WEEK

Best Get-Together Session of H. S. P. Association Closes Its Important Labors

(From Saturday Advertiser.)  
At yesterday morning's session of the sugar planters' convention Aloha Gentry led all the discussion on the report of the committee on manufacturing machinery. He said that the most important advance of the year was the adoption of the Mueschler grooving system for mill fuel rollers. This system has been accepted and is now installed in practically all the Hawaiian mills.

**Milling Improvements**  
The marked gain in extraction and the increase in capacity and speed of operation that have come from the Mueschler invention have resulted in many experiments in grooving of the top and delivery rolls.

The One Invention, he said, has apparently considerable advantage. This system employs broad, shallow grooving in the back roll, with smooth surfaces between. These smooth surfaces act as a screen, like the screen of a filter-press, to give greater extraction. The grooving at Pahaia has, he said, proved successful in treating soft, heavy cane, like the top-fellow Kampan, delivering grades of higher fuel roller, because compressing these moisture.

The adoption of the Panama shoe-leveller, the Mueschler grooving of the feed roll, followed by the adoption of smooth top and back rolls, should increase extraction fully three per cent, he said. Another factor which may prove of value and is worthy of careful trial is to vary the speed of the mill, running the first and third mill at equal speed, and the second and fourth set slower in a twelve-roller mill. This would increase the engineering difficulties, because uniform speed in all the mills simplified the gearing.

**The Problems to Be Solved**  
Intermediate carriers are only possible when there is free loading of a mill. The subject of carriers was also touched upon. The whole problem, Mr. Gentry said, is how to save work, steam, and sugar by adopting mechanical modifications. If this can be brought about there will be less strain on the mills and the machinery will last longer and cost less for maintenance and repairs.

**The Panama Paper**  
William G. Hall, then showed plans and described the operation of the Jeffrey pulverizer at Panama, a machine which promises to give as great gains as the Mueschler groove has done. This machine has wide adaptation in many industries. It is used as a pulper in paper mills, or making excelsior, grinding sand, lime and other hard materials.

Mr. Hall said that it was undoubtedly a mistake on the part of the Hawaiian sugar planters to have discarded shredders and substituted crushers. When this change was made, it was thought to be necessary on account of the fact problem, but these countries which have stuck by the shredders have secured heavier extraction and a delay, notably Fiji and Australia.

J. F. C. Eugene asked if there were any advantages favoring pulverizing by this system over shredding done by means of rollers run at differential speed. Mr. Hall said that the modified Jeffrey pulverizer would pass and separate bolts and coupling pins from the feed, which was a decided advantage. If a feed system could be devised to absolutely eliminate all the accidental iron in the case there might be less advantage.

**Labor Saving Devices**  
At the afternoon session Judge Sanford B. Dole honored the association by his attendance. The reports of the five remaining committees were debated.

George E. Rendon gave a brief resume of his committee's report on labor saving devices, discussing much time in the suggestion of Messrs. J. J. Armstrong and A. G. Hawes Jr. that sugar be compressed in blocks instead of bagged for shipment to market, to effect a saving in freights. His report was adverse to this proposition.

**Final Action and Adjournment**  
The association voted to pass up further action on labor matters to the trustees—the preparation of minutes of the Planters' Monthly and Record.

President J. M. Dowsett then said: "This ends the work of the session. This has been the most interesting convention that our association has ever held. The more active interest constantly shown by our managers in the reports and the meetings is extremely gratifying and I can assure you that the plan adopted this year of printing the reports and distributing them previous to the session will be followed out next year. It has given most excellent results. I thank you." The convention then adjourned sine die.

**Marshal Spiddy Receives Orders To Hold Income Assessments Out of Salaries**  
Marshal Spiddy has been instructed by the department of justice in Washington, of which he is now the disbursing agent here, to withhold from the salaries of the federal judges and other officials and employees of the judiciary department here the income tax amounts due the government.

The income tax is collected on all salaries over \$5000, an additional exemption of \$1000 being granted in the case of a married man who lives with his wife. The tax rate is one per cent on everything above the exemption.

Income taxes have been distrained from the salaries of members of the national senate and house of representatives. The orders from the treasury department are imperative, and the tax will be collected from every federal official in the land who is liable under the income tax laws.

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# ALLIES PLAN DELIVERY OF HEAVY BLOW TO INVADERS

## Titanic Coup Seems To Be Well Along At Battle Front In Belgium

LONDON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—While it is known that fierce fighting is going on in the eastern zone of war, and that isolated combats are taking place in Belgium and France, nothing is definitely known of the results of these battles.

The censorship which has been established in the past few days over news in Belgium and France, is in force since the war began. This is believed to prevent operations of great importance from being overestimated.

**ALLIES PLAN CRUSHING BLOW**  
It is believed here that these operations are the planning of the delivery of a crushing blow to the Germans in France and Belgium, and that the movements on foot are the result of the landing of British reinforcements, numbering more than 1,000,000 men, a few days ago for the Allies.

The official bulletins given out by the war office are usually scanty and are vague in their statements of the movement of troops and the positions occupied in the western theater of war.

**ATTACK ON GERMAN WINGS**  
From such references as they contain, however, experts believe the movement contemplated will be the long expected attack by the Allies upon the wings of the German line, which if successful, would cause the falling back of the entire German army from its present positions.

The latest official report from Paris says no notable incident took place yesterday's fighting. The announcement says: "An intermittent and fairly spirited cannonading marks the last twenty-four hours on the line from Tynes to Ecoust."

**ENEMY CANNOT ADVANCE**  
The enemy has attempted unsuccessfully to gain ground between Becourt Farm and Ghent. At Valenciennes we continue our offensive positions and we have captured several of the German positions. Infantry attacks by the enemy in the forest of Amiens have been repulsed.

There is nothing to report from Alsace. On December second we took 980 German prisoners in the north. Berlin official announcements claim that the French have been unsuccessful in trying to advance in Alsace and that these attempts have been defeated with heavy losses. Also that attacks on the German positions in Flanders have been repulsed.

**ALLIES REPEATEDLY REPULSED**  
The dispatch says: "Repeated assaults made by the French forces against our positions in Flanders have been repulsed. The attacks of the enemy in northwest Alsace have likewise been repulsed. The French suffered considerable losses in these unsuccessful moves."

**FRANCE CALLS 300,000 YOUTHS**  
Dispatches from France say that an examination will soon be called of 300,000 youths now of an age where they are liable for military service, and that this contingent will be ready for active service by next July.

**CATHOLIC CLERGY MAY CONTEST PROHIBITION**  
TUCSON, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—Considerable excitement was aroused here yesterday by the announcement that the Catholic clergy of Arizona will make a legal contest against the state prohibition law passed at the recent elections, on the ground that the enforcement of this law will curtail the use of sacramental wine, in contravention of the constitutional right of religious freedom.

**MONTEAL, December 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).—A secret conference took place here yesterday between Charles M. Schuch and representatives of the British government. While no authoritative information could be secured, there is a rumor to the effect that arrangements were entered into at the conference for the building of submarines in Canada by the Bethlehem Steel Company.**